UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

ORDER NUMBER: CO-09-01 FOREST WIDE

GENERAL FOREST ORDERS

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all lands and waters, which comprise the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. This closure is effective from March 25, 2009 to March 24, 2014.

- 1. Driving, possessing, parking, or leaving any kind of vehicle on a road, which is closed, by sign, gate or barricade, including earthen barricades extending the width of the road. 36 CFR 261.54(a)
- 2. Using a Forest Development Road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization. 36 CFR 261.54(c)
- 3. Driving, riding, parking, or leaving any kind of vehicle on developed trails, which have been closed by sign, gate, earthen mound or physical barrier. 36 CFR 261.55(b)
- 4. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted signs and/or instructions. 36 CFR 261.58(g)
- 5. Operating a motor vehicle in violation of State law. 36 CFR 261.54(d)
- 6. Operating a bicycle on a Forest development trail unless designated and posted for this use. 36 CFR 261.55(b)
- 7. Shortcutting a switchback on Forest Development Trails. 36 CFR 261.55(e)
- 8. Camping in a prohibited area and is so posted. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
- 9. Establishing, maintaining, or using a dispersed campsite shall be limited to a period not to exceed 14 consecutive days. Upon vacating a site, all personal property will be removed. A new campsite may not be re-established within 1 mile of the vacated campsite for a period of 7 days. 36 CFR 261.58(a)
- 10. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any person under 21 years of age, in violation of State Law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)
- 11. Providing any person under 21 years of age with alcoholic beverages, in violation of State Law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

- 12. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58(j)
- 13. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f)
- 14. Riding, hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instruction. 36 CFR 261.58 (aa)
- 15. Hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal closer than fifty (50) feet from a stream or body of water. 36 CFR 261.58(aa)
- 16. Hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in a manner that causes damage to live trees, vegetation or soil. 36 CFR 261.58(aa)
- 17. Failure to properly store food or refuse to prevent access by wildlife. 36 CFR 261.58 (cc)
- 18. Placing, leaving, depositing any food, bait or refuse in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals.36 CFR 261.58 (cc).
- 19. Hunting from or constructing a permanent tree stand. 36 CFR 261.58(v)
- 20. For public health and safety, the transportation of a loaded long gun or cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle is prohibited. 36CFR 261.53 e.

NOTE: A firearm is considered "loaded" if a round of ammunition is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present in the frizzen pan. A "Long gun" is a firearm with an extended barrel, usually designed to be fired braced against the shoulder. It shall include all rifles, shotguns, carbines, muzzleloaders, and/or other such weapons.

21. For public health and safety, the possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law, while hunting is prohibited. **36CFR 261.58 bb**.

NOTE: "Hunting", as defined at OCGA 27-1-2 (39), means pursuing, shooting, killing, taking or capturing wildlife or feral hogs.

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the above prohibitions:

Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer of firefighter or organized rescue or military personnel engaged in the official performance of their duties.

Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Prepared at Gainesville, Georgia this 25 day of March, 2009.

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Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both.

Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

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